

## HARMONY STRUGGLE NOW ON IN DENVER

## Democratic Leaders' Seek to Unite Factions Before Convention

### RAILROADS COVERED BY REVISED PLAN

Physical Valuation and Opposition  
to Watered Stock Its Features.

**TODAY AT DENVER**  
National committee threshing out

Executive committee of the A. F. L. framing up planks for platform. Johnson managers say he has no chance to win.

Pennsylvania delegation expected to name Col. James M. Guffey. Caucus of New York delegation to declare for Bryan and name a favorite son for the Vice Presidency.

Committee on arrangements decides to exclude "Merry Widows" from the convention hall.

John Mitchell says he would not accept the Vice Presidential nomination.

Arrival of the Tammany delegation train.

State delegations pouring in. Name of Congressman Ollie James of Kentucky, added to the fifty-seven varieties of Vice Presidential

candidates. Strong hunch in his favor said to have come from Lincoln, Neb.

---

**By J. C. WELLIVER.**

DENVER, July 8.—The real contest between conservatives and radicals in this convention is now hourly developing. Mr. Bryan stands between the two factions. He sympathizes intellectually

He sympathizes intellectually with the radicals, but he is anxious to play good politics so that neither crowd may be driven from supporting him. It is a hard proposition, and his close friends are going to have their hands full of trouble before they are done with it.

Mr. Bryan has selected Governor Haskell of Oklahoma to be chairman of the resolutions committee. The gov-

It can be said that no draft of platform has come to Denver in anybody's pocket. The Nebraska platform will be the basis of the national declarations, but the language will be left to the Comcon's friends on the resolutions committee. There will be plenty of leeway for play of ideas, for mutual concession and adjustment. But all day Sunday, conferences were in progress, concerning various planks and they have made plain that the opposing elements are far from agreed.

**Fight on Injunction.**

Thus, there is a powerful element of Middle Western and Western members of the party which wants an anti-injunction plank that will prohibit injunctions altogether in industrial disputes. These have been working hard to get Governor Haskell to accept their view, though with small success so far. Everything indicates that the Nebraska injunction plank will be practically reproduced.

The Eastern wing considers the Ne-

Nebraska plank more than progressive and the adoption of the plank declaring for prohibition of injunction would cause a bolt in the East, which managers there are determined to prevent.

The Eastern people want to tone down the declaration on regulation of railroads. Governor Haskell has in his pocket today a redraft of the Nebraska plank on this subject, which is understood to have come nearer to meeting his approval than any other thus far, and it is considered likely to be adopted.

### The Railroad Plank.

The plank reads thus:

We assert the right of Congress to exercise complete control over interstate commerce, and we

the right of each State to exercise just as complete control over commerce within its borders. We demand an amendment to the powers of national and State railway commissions as may be necessary to give to the people of the various States and places against discriminations and extortions. The Interstate Commerce Commission should be extended to enable it either on complaint or on its own initiative to regulate the operation and rates of rates by which transportation charges are increased until after investigation shows that they are excessive and shall have proved the reasonableness of the proposed increase. We have no objection to the State and the various States should, first, ascertain in the present value of the railroads on the basis of original cost, and then other factors of justice and equity alike to the shipper, the public, and the investor, should be taken into consideration and prohibit the issue of any more watered stock or fictitious capitalization; third, continue the present practice of railroads.

business which brings them into competition with their shippers; and fourth, reduce transportation rates until they reach a point where they

will yield only a reasonable return on the ascertained value of the roads—such reasonable return being defined as a return sufficient to keep the stock of the roads at par when they are honestly capitalized, and to assure to employees wages commensurate with the high intelligence and exacting responsibilities which their service requires.

insist that this must not be adopted, and will make a great struggle in the

—Copyright, 1908, the Chicago Tribune.

# MERCURY UP TO 98 AND TO STAY HIGH

## Weather Man Gives No Hope of Relief for Several Days

| MERCURY'S MARKS  |       |            |
|------------------|-------|------------|
| Weather Bureau.  |       | Astoria's. |
| ..... 9 a. m.    | ..... | ..... 37   |
| 84..... 10 a. m. | ..... | ..... 39   |
| 87..... 11 a. m. | ..... | ..... 94   |
| 90..... Noon     | ..... | ..... 96   |
| 92..... 1 p. m.  | ..... | ..... 99   |
| 91..... 2 p. m.  | ..... | ..... 97   |

No need to fret, no need to kick and still no need to look for relief. The weather man says it's hot, and that it's going to stay so, not only for the rest of the day, but for tomorrow as well. No amount of coaxing could persuade the forecaster over at the Weather Bureau to say that any rain would come. He crossed his heart and

Up at the Weather Bureau the thermometer already has reached 96 degrees.

Down at Affleck's, at Fifteenth and Pennsylvania avenue, the mercury touched 98 degrees, and was flirting outrageously with the 99 mark.

"Well, it's pretty hot," the forecaster said when taken to task about the

Along toward evening yesterday the temperature fell, and everybody went to bed happy in the belief that today would be pleasant. These trustful citizens had to wake up this morning

day day. The longer the hours, the sweeter the morning the hotter it got, and the faster went time the redder grew the faces of humanity. Every once in a while a bit of a cloud would go streaming across the sky, and the trustful ones would say, "Ah, 'twill rain!" But it was not to them that the sun was smiling.

*Hope Dashed to Death  
Seeking Cool Breeze*

NEW YORK, July 8.—That Andrew J. Hope, the wealthy candy manufacturer, who had stores in Nassau and Ann streets, and who has been known in the Wall street district as "Hope, the Chocolate Man," for a quarter of a century, did not intentionally end his life by leaping from the window of his room, on the fifth floor of the Hotel Imperial, just before last midnight, was the opinion expressed by Coroner F. H. Smith today.

The coroner believes Mr. Hope, who

(Continued on Ninth Page.)

\$43.20 to Dallas, Texas, and Return.  
July 8 to 11, via Pennsylvania Railroad.  
Tickets good to return until August 8.  
See ticket agents.—Advt.

[illegible]

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., July 6.—Fast, snappy, and sensational will be the game of baseball which will be played here this afternoon, between the Statesmen and the Newspaper Correspondents. Senator Crane of Massachusetts will be captain of the Statesmen, while some Allen, of the New York Herald, will lead the Correspondents. Representative Theodore E. Burton of Ohio will umpire the game.

When invited to see the game Mr. Taft said:

"I wouldn't miss it for anything." Senator Beveridge of Indiana is slated to be shortstop, and Representative Lawrence of Massachusetts to do the honors on first base.